

# ARKANSAS BROILER HATCHERY



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## ARKANSAS CHICK PLACEMENTS DOWN 1 PERCENT FROM LAST YEAR

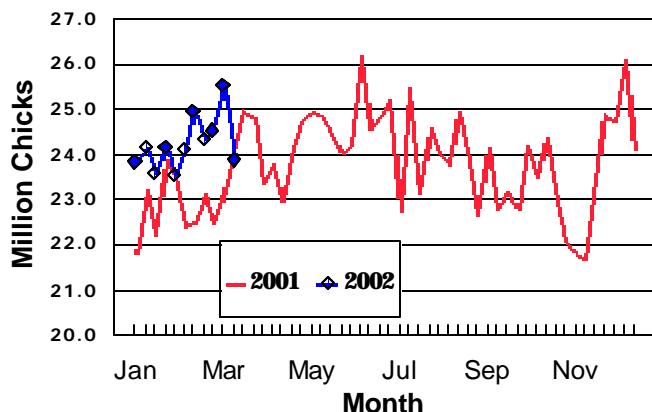
Broiler-type chicks placed for meat production in Arkansas was 23.9 million during the week ending March 16, 2002, according to the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service. Placements were down 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001, and 6 percent below the revised previous week, and included 2.8 million chicks shipped in from other states. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through March 16, 2002 were 266.8 million, up 6 percent from the same period a year earlier.

The broiler-type chicks hatched for the week was 25.5 million, up 3 percent from the corresponding week a year earlier, and slightly above the previous week. Of the total hatch, 4.0 million chicks were shipped out of the state. Average hatchability for chicks hatched was 82.8 percent.

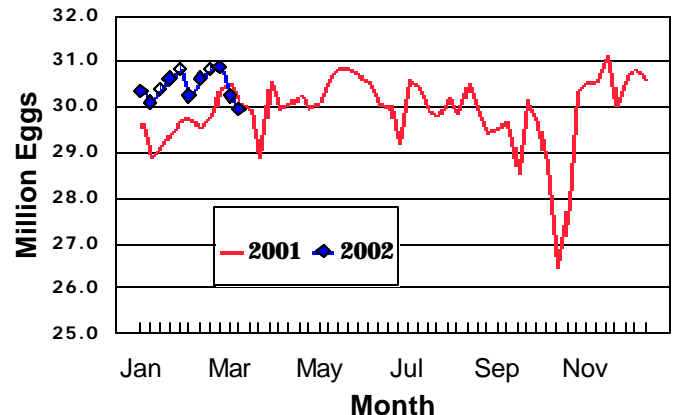
Arkansas hatcheries set 30.0 million broiler-type eggs during the week ending March 16, 2002, down 1 percent from both the same period last year and the previous week.

Week Ending	NET PLACEMENTS			CHICKS HATCHED			EGGS SET		
	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change	2001	2002	% Change
	<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>			<i>1,000</i>		
Feb. 9	22,457	24,115	107	23,864	24,842	104	29,752	30,232	102
Feb. 16	22,478	24,984	111	24,141	25,204	104	29,581	30,627	104
Feb. 23	23,167	24,382	105	24,393	25,438	104	29,820	30,825	103
Mar. 2	22,485	24,553	109	24,515	25,023	102	30,460	30,859	101
Mar. 9	23,203	25,518	110	24,466	25,433	104	30,536	30,238	99
Mar. 16	24,259	23,920	99	24,708	25,522	103	30,162	29,964	99

CHICKS PLACED IN ARKANSAS, 2001 - 2002



EGGS SET, 2001 - 2002



# **BROILER EGGS SET AND CHICKS PLACED IN 15 MAJOR STATES BY WEEKS, 2002**

EGGS SET (in Thousands)						CHICKS PLACED (in Thousands)						
	Week Ending				1/		Week Ending				1/	
STATE	23-Feb	02-Mar	09-Mar	16-Mar	%	09-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb	02-Mar	09-Mar	16-Mar	%
Alabama	29,319 *	29,647	29,472	29,182	102	21,915	22,563	22,412	22,042	21,943	21,997	104
ARKANSAS	30,825	30,859	30,238	29,964	99	24,115 *	24,984 *	24,382 *	24,553 *	25,518 *	23,920	99
Delaware	3,571	3,442	3,548 *	3,559	100	4,971	5,785	4,809	4,902	5,576 *	5,267	100
Florida	2,304 *	2,342	2,331	2,281	85	2,473	2,150	2,510 *	2,128	2,180	2,277	95
Georgia	31,601 *	31,499	31,845	31,545	99	25,652	25,465	25,452	26,239	26,174	25,721	99
Maryland	10,016	10,002	9,363	10,079	113	6,060	5,601	6,776	6,751	6,291 *	5,928	97
Mississippi	19,035	18,774	18,807	18,654	99	15,064	14,925	15,639	15,691	15,720	15,988	106
N. Carolina	19,526 *	19,692	18,853	19,524	107	14,293	14,270	15,387	15,147	15,495	15,377	103
Pennsylvania	3,975	3,775	3,889 *	3,819	101	2,474	2,488	2,505	2,651	2,660 *	2,927	107
S. Carolina	4,984	4,918	4,819	5,004	100	3,701	3,893	3,918	3,979	3,914	3,951	105
Texas	15,363	15,320	15,324	15,328	104	11,608	12,132	12,044	12,161	12,216	12,190	105
Virginia	6,673	6,672	6,660	6,636	99	4,631	5,137	5,229	5,601	4,962	5,684	106
CA TN & W VA	11,043 *	10,912 *	11,708 *	11,102	97	9,538 *	9,066	9,162	9,220 *	9,851 *	9,870	96
Total 2002	188,235 *	187,854 *	186,857 *	186,677		146,495 *	148,459 *	150,225 *	151,065 *	152,500 *	151,097	
Total 2001	184,325	185,689	184,834	184,715		143,285	141,289	142,593	143,883	146,406	148,973	
% PREV. YEAR	102	101	101	101		102	105	105	105	104	101	
APPROXIMATE MARKETING DATE 2002.....						30-Mar	06-Apr	13-Apr	20-Apr	27-Apr	04-May	

\* Revised . 1/ Current week as percent of the same week last year.

*Kentucky	6,978	6,680 *	6,562 *	6,311	--		5,716	5,466	5,398	4,874 *	5,273 *	5,583	--
*Oklahoma	6,615 *	6,402 *	6,072	6,523	--		5,243	5,212	5,012	4,038	4,512	4,751	--
*LA & MO	9,282	9,357	9,308	8,601	--		7,919	7,958	9,823	9,238	9,403	10,858	--
19 StateTotal	211,110 *	210,293 *	208,799 *	208,112			165,373 *	167,095 *	170,458 *	169,215 *	171,688 *	172,289	

\* Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States are being published for the first time in the weekly broiler program.

## **EGGS SET IN 15 MAJOR BROILER PRODUCING STATES UP 1 PERCENT**

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-state weekly program set 187 million eggs during the week ending March 16, 2002. This was up 1 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 83 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## **BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 1 PERCENT**

Broiler growers in the 15-state weekly program placed 151 million chicks for meat production during the week ending March 16, 2002. Placements were up 1 percent from the comparable week in 2001. Cumulative placements from December 30, 2001 through March 16, 2002 were 1.64 billion, up 4 percent the same period a year earlier.

**NOTE:** Beginning January 2, 2002, the Broiler Hatchery report will ONLY be available under "Publications" on the Arkansas Agricultural Statistics Service Home-Page at <http://www.nass.usda.gov/ar/>. Please call 1-800-327-2970 if you do not have access to internet service and would like to continue receiving copies of the report by mail.